

for setting up an Innovation Centre at the Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram, an Electronics Technology Park set up by the State Government of Kerala, has been received from the State Government. Preliminary examination of the proposal has been done in consultation with the representatives of the State Government.

Liquified Natural Gas

*290. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any long-term policy for liquified natural gas (LNG);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the rule envisaged for the private Companies keen to enter the LNG sector; and

(e) the estimated investment involved in a typical LNG chain stretching from the supplier to the ultimate consumer for a five Million tonnes per annum plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c). The Government wish to encourage the import of LNG and its utilisation for power generation etc. wherever techno-economically feasible.

(d) Private companies may participate in any part of the LNG chain.

(e) Around USD 10 billion.

Setting up of F.P.I. with Japan

*291. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Food Processing Units in the country in collaboration with Japan;

(b) if so, the number of Food Processing Units proposed to be set up made the agreement made with Japan. State-wise, location-wise; and

(c) if so, the details therefor. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (c). This Ministry does not set up food processing units directly. However, the Government is encouraging and permitting setting up of industries with foreign technical/financial/marketing collaborations including collaborations with the companies in Japan. A list of foreign technical/financial collaboration cases approved by the Government from August, 1991 to October, 1996 for food processing industry between Indian and Japanese companies is as given in the Statement attached.

STATEMENT

List of Foreign Technical/Financial Collaboration cases approved in various sectors of Food Processing August, 1991 to October, 1996

S.No.	Name of the Indian Company	Name of the foreign collaborator	Location	Item of manufacture	Foreign Investment (Rs. lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Innovative Marine Foods Ltd., Cochin	Mitsubishi Corporation, Tokyo, Japan	Kerala	Frozen Marine Products	568
2.	Oriental High Seas Fisheries Ltd., Visakhapatnam, A.P.	Tokyo Korinan Co.	Andhra Pradesh	Deep Sea Fishing.	90
3.	V. Surendra Kumar, Hyderabad	Kyoej Trading Co. Japan	Not available.	-do-	40
4.	Southern Sea Foods Ltd., Madras.	Monarch Trading Co. Japan.	Tamil Nadu	Prawns & Shrimps Processed Food.	110
5.	Minota Acqua Foods Ltd.	Showa Trading Co. Japan.	Andhra Pradesh	Food Processing.	44
6.	Indo-Nissin Foods Ltd., Bangalore.	Nissin Food Products Japan	Karnataka	Food Processing.	900
7.	Cephram Milk Specialities Ltd., New Delhi.	Sophia Bussan Inc. Japan.	Punjab	Milk Product.	198